

HOUSE RESOLUTION 363
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Woodard on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodard is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard has served as a classroom teacher with Murfreesboro City Schools for nearly twenty-eight years; during her illustrious career, she has positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she began her exemplary tenure with Murfreesboro City Schools in 1974 as a classroom teacher at Reeves Rogers Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodard is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, possessing a gracious and thoughtful spirit, Ms. Woodard's quiet voice and calm demeanor have comforted many students over the years; and

WHEREAS, she has always endeavored to provide an inviting and warm environment for her students to learn, and has decorated her classroom with soothing fountains and colors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodard truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodard treasures the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Bob, who is a teacher at Oakland High School; they are the proud parents of one daughter, Katie; and

WHEREAS, a vital and caring woman, she is fond of animals, and considers her dog, Lucy, to be part of her family; she also enjoys movies and collects antique jewelry; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodard truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Mary Woodard for her exceptional service to the children of Murfreesboro, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.